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Dear Dawn:

Bob Maben asked me to respond to your letter regarding T&E species and critical habitat areas associated with approximately 15 miles of the Columbia River, Smith and Bybee Lakes area, and vicinity. After examining the townships and sections that you inquired about, there are several species of fish and wildlife that should be of concern because they use the area.

We have a Bald Eagle wintering roost to the west of Sauvie Island and as a result there are up to 36 eagles using the area in winter on a daily basis for foraging. Bald Eagles do use Smith and Bybee Lakes year round for foraging and can be located along the Columbia Slough from the Willamette River east beyond your area of interest. At least 1 pair of Peregrine Falcons (up to 6 Peregrines reside in Portland during the winter) use the Smith and Bybee lakes, and Kelly Point Park area throughout the year. There is an Osprey nest on Hayden Island and the Osprey forage in this area. There is also a Great Blue Heron nest colony at West Delta Park, which is immediately to the west of Smith Lake. Western pond turtles could and should be present in several areas within your zone. In any case the township and ranges you indicated have all had the aforementioned species use habitat within them. Although the area for the most part is urban/industrial the wetlands and waterways are relatively clean and are important habitat for the T&E species.

Sauvie Island, which is partially in your area of interest, has a wildlife management area owned and operated by our department. There are Dusky Canada Geese, Peregrine Falcon, Eagles, Osprey, etc. that use the island. This area should be of



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primary concern in regards to potential threats to wildlife from any up river gaseous or liquid contaminants.

For information regarding different subspecies of anadromous fish that use the Columbia and Willamette Rivers please call (503 657-2030) Don Bennett of our department. As you may know several of these fish have been proposed for listing as T&E.

Please call me at 657-2129 or Joe Pesek 657-2058 for more details or any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

  
Doug Cottam  
Urban Wildlife Biologist

cc: Maben